



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirtieth Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 23rd October 2022

SAINT BRIDE, OUR PATRONESS

You may have noticed that I recently moved the statue of Saint Bride - formerly halfway down the church on the lefthand side - and placed it alongside the statue of Saint Anthony, on the opposite side of the church. It is a fine image of Saint, carved from oak; it has particular artistic qualities, reflected not only in its proportions and but in the fine details of the carving work.



Like the statue of Saint Anthony, similarly carved from oak, and donated to the Parish in memory of John Wright, a former Provost of East Kilbride, the statue of Saint Bride was donated to the Parish on the 1st February 1967 by the children of Saint Bride's Primary and Saint Bride's Secondary schools, as the small, rather faded brass plaque on its base indicates. Given the fact that Saint Bride is the Patroness of our Parish, and the town in which we live, East Kilbride, is named after her, I feel it deserves a more prominent position in our church.

Who was Saint Bride? Bride, Brigid or Bridget (the names are interchangeable) was born at Faughart, near Dundalk in County Louth, Ireland, around 450AD. Born into a Druid family - in ancient Celtic culture, Druids were religious leaders as well as members of the royal Court. Her father, Dubhthach, was the Court poet to King Loeghaire. From her mother, Bride learned to look after dairy cattle - hence the reason she is often portrayed with a cow by her side.

At an early age, Bride decided to become a nun, receiving the veil from Saint Mel of Ardagh, a fifth century figure and the nephew of Saint Patrick. Together with a group of other women, she founded a monastery at Kildare (meaning 'Church of oak'), under the shade of an oak tree situated on top of a hill on the edge of the Curragh - a fertile plain, famous today for horse breeding and training. Kildare is in the geographical heart of Ireland, and it became one of the most important Christian foundations in the country.

Not too far away lived the King of Leinster who had donated the site to the Saint. According to tradition, the King had offered Bride as much land as her cloak would cover. When she spread the garment, it miraculously stretched out to cover the entire Curragh. True to his word, the King gave her the land, and there the new religious community not only built their monastery but grazed their sheep and cattle.

As Abbess (hence the reason she carries a staff or crosier, symbol of her office, in her hand), Bride participated in several Irish ecclesiastical councils, and her influence on shaping the Church in Ireland was considerable.

Many stories of her younger days deal with her generosity towards the poor and needy.

Along with Patrick and Columba, she is a Patron Saint of Ireland. Her feast day is the 1st February. *Father McGachey*

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a special collection to support the work of *Missio Scotland*. Please be generous, as you always are.

TODAY - OCTOBER DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

These continue tonight with a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, along with the traditional elements: organ accompaniment and the use of incense. Please join us if you can.

THIS COMING WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Sunday Holy Masses - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am.

Sundays of October - Devotions in honour of Our Lady with Benediction at 6pm.

Weekday Holy Masses - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 10.00am. Please note that there will be a Eucharistic Service in place of Mass on Friday. I have to be at a Funeral in Carfin.

Weekdays of October - the Holy Rosary at 9.40am, except on days when there is a funeral.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am until 10am, except on days when there is a funeral.

Confessions will take place on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 9.50am and before the Vigil Mass from 5.30pm to 5.50pm.

The Thursday Coffee Morning after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

The Holy Hour will take place on Thursday at 7pm, with Confessions until 7.30pm.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Day of Obligation, that is to say, a day when we are expected to attend Holy Mass. Our Festal Masses will take place at the following times: Vigil Mass, 31st October, 7pm. 1st November, Holy Mass 10am. The sixth years from Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's will attend our parish Mass. I will celebrate Holy Mass at 2pm in Saint Kenneth's Primary School for the staff and pupils.

Father Dougan will celebrate Holy Mass at the following times: 11am, 11.50am and 12.40pm for the pupils of Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS' DAY

Wednesday 2nd November is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, more commonly called 'All Souls' Day'. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for all departed loved ones. There will be two Masses on this day: one at 10am and the other at 7pm.

During November Mass is celebrated each day for those whose names are returned on the 'November Lists' which accompany your Bulletin today. The names will be entered in a special Book of Remembrance that will be placed near the altar. Please return your November List to the special wooden box that sits by the Baptismal Font.

THE FLOURISH NEWSPAPER and THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC AVAILABLE AT STALL

FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

We are pleased to announce that Children's Liturgy will return on **Sunday 30th October** at 9.30am in the Parish Hall, adjacent to the church. This is for Primary School children. Please bring children directly to the Hall and we will bring them back to join parents in the church around 10am. We hope to welcome back those who attended before and to see new faces, particularly the younger children who have not had the opportunity to experience Children's Liturgy because of COVID lockdowns. The children will be able to meet their friends and make new ones. Children's Liturgy will take place most Sundays at 9.30am when school is in session. We will also be hosting Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation over the 4 Sundays of November in the Hall, also at 9.30am and hope to get some assistance from Caritas students from the High School.

If anyone would like to assist in the Children's Liturgy group, please speak to Father McGachey. This does not need you to commit to attend every Sunday but to help out when available. We have skilled leaders to help you settle in. Thank you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our new session 2022-2023 is about to commence. We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who has been thinking that they might like to become a Catholic; to anyone who is interested in deepening their understanding of their faith; and to anyone who would simply like to know more about Catholicism. **There will be an opportunity to come and have a chat on Tuesday 25th October at 7pm in the Library at the side of the church.** If, for any reason, this date is unsuitable, please contact a member of the team to arrange a meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

FROM THE MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR

In Memoriam is the title of a musical reflection on the Holy Souls, given by The Diocesan Choir in Motherwell Cathedral on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. The programme will include the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré and a number of traditional Holy Souls hymns not often heard nowadays. Admission is free and all are invited to participate in this event, which honours the memory of the faithful departed.

TRADECRAFT

The Tradecraft stall will be open for fairtrade products at the Thursday coffee morning. Some of last year's Christmas cards are on sale at reduced price. Many food items will be greatly reduced in price too, as they are near the expiry date. Please support this charity to help developing countries.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Parish SVDP is looking for new volunteers to help them with their work, especially in the collection of food donations from the local supermarkets and their distribution to those in need. If you are interested in getting involved, then please speak to any member of SVDP after Mass today or contact Fr. McGachey.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is GERALYN WALKER. Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.

UKRAINE COLLECTION

Please note that due to the school holidays the next donations are being taken on Friday 28th October, between 11am and 2pm. Please contact Paul on 07988 086928.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

Halloween Quiz: Friday 28th October in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, East Kilbride, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5.00 per person. Bingo Night: Friday 11th November in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, East Kilbride, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5.00 per person. For any further information, or to purchase tickets, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01355 202020 or email fundraising@kilbrydehospice.org.uk

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SICK - Samantha Beach, Lorraine O'Donnell-Browen, Richard O'Donnell, Ray O'Donnell, Joanne Barrett (England), Brian McKenna, Eileen Biggins, Satya B Metha, Patricia McCormack, Helen Walton, Fiona Docherty, Margaret Deehan, John Kennedy, Patricia Williamson, John Lang, Francis and John Reilly, Terry Cassidy, May McLaughlin, Theresa Fleetwood, Bailey Barnes, Liam Greig, Nicholas Oakes, Gillian Congdon, Liz Knight, Rita Baxter, Jean O'Neill, Ann Dillon (Dublin), Gerard Kennedy, John Thompson, Sarah Collins,

RECENTLY DEAD - Alana, Rose McCabe, Jo Reilly, May Gilbert, Mary Meechie, Donald Campbell, David Kyle, Doreen.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Luisa Faccenda, Joe McFadyen, Molly Sheridan, Nora Cappen

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 16th October 2022, was £2472. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. Sincere thanks for your support.

The current loan stands at £224,452.82.

You may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish or take out a Standing Order in favour of the Parish. Offerings can be made by Bank Transfer, the details of which are as follows: Stbrides, Sort Code 82-62-24, Account Number 40500017.